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I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the attention of the Security Council, the following information on the tenth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission, held from 26 to 28 July 1993.

The Governing Council continued its discussion on the order of priority for the payment of the different categories of claims and decided to maintain the item on its agenda for future sessions in order to consider it in the light of future developments relating to the submission of claims and the financing of the Compensation Fund. However, at its 36th plenary meeting on 28 July, the Council decided that claims in categories B and C would be processed by the secretariat in chronological order, whereas claims in category A would be processed in accordance with the criterion of proportionality, initially among the countries which submitted claims prior to 1 July 1993. Under this plan, due consideration will have to be given to claims processed during the first stage of category A, if the criterion of chronological order had been applied.

At the same plenary meeting, the Council decided to accept consolidated claims in categories A, B and C filed by the United Arab Emirates, Nigeria and Somalia after the expiry of the filing deadlines established by the Council, and asked the secretariat to begin processing those claims once it had begun processing other claims submitted within the deadlines.

In addition, in view of the difficulties experienced by some Governments in submitting on time consolidated claims in categories D, E and F, the Council authorized, on an exceptional basis, and requested the Executive Secretary to grant extensions until 1 April 1994 for claims in category E, and until 1 May 1994 for claims in category F; it also authorized an additional extension until 1 January 1994 for claims in category D, if the extension was requested prior to the expiry of the current deadlines by any Government or body responsible for submitting claims on behalf of persons not in a position to have their claims submitted by a Government.

Representatives of Egypt, India, Iraq, Kuwait, Sri Lanka and Sudan, States which are not members of the Governing Council, expressed their desire to make statements during the session and the Council invited them to do so at its 35th and 36th plenary meetings.

The next session of the Governing Council will be held from 27 September to 1 October 1994.

(Signed) Fernando VALENZUELA MARZO
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